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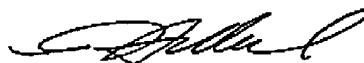
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, Applicants elect Group II, encompassing claims 2, 3 and 12-32, without traverse for examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for non-elected claims 1, 4, 5 and 6-11 at a future date, if necessary.

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